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King Statement on DHS' final rule for REAL ID Implementation

Washington, D.C. (Friday, January 11, 2008)— Today, U.S. Rep. Peter T. King (R-NY), Ranking Member of the Committee on Homeland Security, released the following statement regarding the Department of Homeland Security's unveiling of its REAL ID Final Rule, which calls for increased security standards for state-issued driver's licenses:

"In 2005, the Republican-led Congress passed the REAL ID Act, enacting into law a key recommendation of the 9/11 Commission. In the time since, my colleagues and I have anxiously awaited the issuance of the Department's final rule," King said. "I am pleased that this step has finally been taken--on September 11th, many of the hijackers used fraudulent ID's to board commercial airplanes and turn them into weapons. The REAL ID Act will better secure state-issued driver's licenses, closing a key loophole terrorists seek to exploit."

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